

industrial growth, agriculture and manufacturing all contributed to the substantial growth of the town. General merchandise, hardware, drug and clothing stores, along with restaurants, hotels and other places of business made Dickson a thriving market town. With the advent of the "Great Depression" and then World War II, many businesses suffered greatly. The growth since then has been slow but steady.

The railroad still plays an important part of Dickson's continuous history. Ten to 12 trains run between Memphis and Nashville each day. The depot still serves as a crucial monitoring point along this line.

In 1913, J. T. Halbrook, a local businessman, constructed the hotel directly across from the depot. This facility served rail passengers, railway personnel, farmers, merchants and drummers (traveling salesmen.) The hotel stands today as a reminder of this role in the commercial history and development of Dickson. In 1917, Belle S. Goad, a widow from Scottsville, Kentucky, moved to Dickson and leased the Halbrook Hotel. She ran this facility with the help of her sister, Maybelle. In 1919, Maybelle married Robert S. Clement, who later became a prominent attorney in Dickson County. On June 2, 1920, their son Frank G. Clement was born in the hotel. In 1952, he was elected governor of Tennessee and subsequently served a total of three terms. The Halbrook Hotel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and owned by the State of Tennessee.

Dickson has blossomed into one of Tennessee's most beautiful metropolitan areas and I am especially proud to be able to honor the city in this way.

RENTAL OF PHYSICIAN OFFICES FOR 'SATELLITE' REHAB FACILITIES: WHY WE NEED PHYSICIAN ANTI-FRAUD LEGISLATION

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, recently, one or more companies (for example, Total Health Care Consulting, Inc.) have been writing doctors throughout the United States offering to rent office space from them at \$21 a square foot but in some cases in an amount equal to \$64 per square foot for the time the space is in use) and this space would be used to house rehab therapists. In some cases, these services are described as satellites of uninspected comprehensive outpatient rehab facilities (CORFs).

The incentive for gross over-utilization of services in these kinds of deals is enormous. Implicit in the deal is, "doctor, you can make a lot of money by renting spare office space to me, but I will have to keep busy . . . through referrals of your patients for rehab and physical therapy."

I forwarded several of these contracts to the HHS Inspector General on the grounds that they violate various laws designed to prevent financial incentives to over-utilize Medicare services.

I include in the RECORD at this point a response to my letter from the HHS IG. I want to thank the many good doctors who were

troubled by this scheme and called my attention to it. As in all things, if someone offers you a sweetheart deal that it too good to be true, it either isn't true, or it is cutting a legal corner.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, WASHINGTON, DC, MARCH 30, 1999.

Re rental of physician office space.

Hon. PETE STARK,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Dear Mr. STARK: We are writing in response to your letter of March 24, 1999, regarding a contract and other materials describing an arrangement where a physician will allow his office to be used as a "site" for a new comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility in exchange for what appears to be inflated rental fees linked to expected referrals.

We have received reports of similar activities from across the country. We share your concern that this activity raises serious questions under the Federal fraud and abuse laws, in particular the anti-kickback statute (42 U.S.C. §1320-7b(b)) and we have forwarded your letter and accompanying materials to our Office of Investigations.

If you have further questions, please feel free to have your staff contact Helen Albert, Director of External Affairs, at (202) 260-8610.

Sincerely,

D. MCCARTY THORNTON,
Counsel to the Inspector General.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID RODERICK

HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I want to make a few comments before the House of Representatives on the occasion of the 75th birthday of a truly outstanding American, Dave Roderick, whose life has been a testimony to the American Dream, the greatness of America and what one individual can accomplish in this country.

Dave grew up on the North Side of Pittsburgh. He never lost sight of his roots or his commitment to where he grew up. Throughout a distinguished career as an international business leader, he always made it a priority to help Pittsburgh, working to stimulate community and economic development of the area.

In addition, he stands as one of our nation's greatest industrialists. As Chairman of U.S. Steel he oversaw the merger of U.S. Steel and Marathon Oil into USX Corporation.

One of his most notable accomplishments was the work he did in the 1970's and 1980's that literally saved the steel industry in the United States. Finding himself in the midst of an international economic war over the "dumping" of foreign subsidized steel, Dave Roderick worked tirelessly through the Ford, Carter and Reagan Administrations, finally succeeding in getting legislation passed which allowed the rebuilding of the American steel industry into the most modern in the world. That legislation, which saved the jobs of millions of American workers, was the only trade-control legislation ever approved by President Reagan.

Dave's personal commitment to our Nation went well beyond his career in industry to in-

clude his distinguished service in the Pacific in World War II with the Marine Corps, as well as his commitment to the rebuilding of the Pittsburgh region. His strong work ethic and values were apparent early on as indicated by his work through college to pay for his education and his devotion to his strong and close family.

Dave Roderick is a classic symbol of the indomitable American spirit. He grew up in humble surroundings and through hard work, dedication and commitment became a true hero of industrial America. I congratulate Dave on his 75th birthday and on his outstanding and uniquely American life.

COMMENDING GEORGE CARDINET IN HIS EQUESTRIAN EFFORTS

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize George Cardinet as an outstanding citizen in California. On April 10th, a parade, trail ride and dinner was held for George in celebration of his 90th birthday and his 65 years of trail building.

I want to join those individuals in California who held the event last week in thanking George for his lifetime of achievements in trail building. His contributions to trails in California include founding the Tahoe Rim Trail, California Riding and Hiking Trail and being the Founding Father of the DeAnza National Historic Trail. In 1998, he was given a bronze medal and the superior achievement award by the state parks for his volunteer service. George worked that same year with Yosemite National Park and horse organizations to include horses in the Yosemite General Management Plan. He was named "Grandfather of the Trails" by the National Park Service in 1995, and honored as a Life Member of Back Country Horsemen of California for his efforts in preserving campsites and trails for equestrians.

These actions, and many others not mentioned, demonstrate George's leadership and personal love for equestrian issues. I commend George for his work and look forward to many other contributions from him to our state.

CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, April 12, 1999

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and celebrate an important milestone in the Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts. For over one year now, the parish of St. Joseph's Church has been celebrating its 125th Anniversary. This celebration will be formalized with an Anniversary Mass on April 11, 1999 and will be attended by Bishop Thomas Dupre, Bishop Joseph Maguire, current and former parishioners, and the general public.